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In re Application of
Amin, et al.
Application No. 09/620,176
Filed: July 20, 2000
Attorney Docket No.: 1909.2.73A

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed October 3, 2000 in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") mailed September 11, 2000.

The application was deposited July 20, 2000. On September 11, 2000, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because it was deposited without drawings.

In response, on October 3, 2000, the present petition was filed. Petitioner argues that the application was deposited with eight drawings sheets. The instant petition is accompanied by a duplicate set of drawings, a stamped return receipt postcard acknowledging Office receipt of "8 drawing sheets," and a copy of an Express Mail receipt indicating the date of deposit of the application papers as July 20, 2000.

Upon review of the record, eight sheets of drawings have been located in the application file. Therefore, the application was complete on filing.

In view of the above, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Notice mailed September 11, 2000, was sent in error and is hereby **VACATED**.

The petition fee of \$130.00 submitted with the instant petition is unnecessary. As per the authorization contained therein, a refund to deposit account no. 03-2640 has been requested from the Office of Finance, Refund Section.

The change of address submitted February 7, 2001 has been entered into the record.

This application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of July 20, 2000.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (703) 305-0310.

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In view of all this, Applicants, Assignee and the undersigned now respectfully petition the Office to acknowledge that the Notice was sent in error by the Office; that the Application is entitled to the filing date of July 20, 2000; that no further drawings are needed; and that a newly executed oath or declaration is not needed.

The Petition fee of \$130 may be charged to Deposit Account 03-2640 if necessary. However, if it is charged then a refund to the same Deposit Account is also respectfully requested because the Notice was sent by the Office in error.

Please address any further questions to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2000.

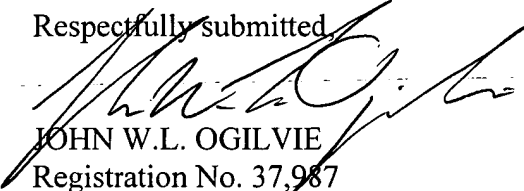
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